

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant:	Darrell R. ANDERSON et al.		
For:	Anti-CD20 Antibodies (as amended)		

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicant petitions to extend the period for response to the final Office action mailed 29 December 2006 by three months, to and including 29 June 2007. In view of the extension, the concurrently-filed notice of appeal is timely.

Applicant takes this action solely to maintain the pending status of the case while the Office considers various matters before it. In particular, applicant filed a request that the examiner reconsider the final status of the outstanding Office action on 16 February 2007. To date, notwithstanding the Office's policy that a response to any submission under § 1.116 should be mailed within 30 days of receipt of the submission, MPEP § 714.13, the Office has not acted on the request for reconsideration. On 29 March 2007, applicant filed a response on the merits that applicant believes should resolve all outstanding issues and permit the examiner to allow the case. Again however, the Office has not yet taken action on the after-final amendment.

The Director is requested to debit the extension fee of \$1020 (§ 1.17(a)(3)) from our Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

Respectfully submitted,

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